

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 1: After the title, insert:

--This is a 371 national phase application of PCT/JP2003/008067 filed 26 June 2003, which claims priority to JP 2002-186419 filed 26 June 2002, JP 2002-239699 filed 20 August 2002, JP 2002-263185, JP 2002-263186, JP 2002-263184, all filed 09 September 2002, JP 2002-307543 filed 22 October 2002, JP 2002-316298, JP 2002-316297, both filed 30 October 2002, JP 2002-318266 filed 31 October 2002, JP 2002-318267 and JP 2002-318265, both filed 31 October 2002, and JP 2002-319830 filed 01 November 2002, the contents of, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.--

Page 5, line 30: After "polybenzazole" insert --(PBZ)--.

Page 38, Table 2: Amend Table 2 to read as follows:

<Table 2>

Tensile Strength Retention (%)	
Example 11	63
Example 12	70
Example 13	68
Example 14	66
Example 15	73
Example 16	64
Example 17	67
Example 18	68
Example 19	60
Example 20	65
Comparative Example 2	42

Page 51, Table 3: Amend Table 3 as follows:

<Table 3>

	Conditions for washing, neutralization and washing			Con- cen- tra- tion of P	Con- cen- tra- tion of Na	Molar ratio of Na/P	Break- ing strength	Strength reten- tion	Hws	Er
	Neutralization		Washing time after neutral- ization							
	NaOH concen- tration	Time								
		Sec.								
Ex.18	1%	10	30	3800	2300	0.82	5.8	86	0.25	24
Ex.19	1%	10	30	3600	2000	0.75	5.8	87	0.27	22
Ex.20	1%	10	30	1900	760	0.54	5.8	90	0.18	21
Ex.21	1%	10	30	1200	290	0.33	5.7	92	0.13	17
Ex.22	1%	10	30	1400	280	0.27	5.7	95	0.20	21
Ex.23	1%	10	30	1200	360	0.40	5.7	93	0.22	24
Ex.24	1%	10	30	1400	1300	1.25	5.7	93	0.15	18
Ex.25	1%	10	30	900	200	0.30	5.3	92	0.20	24
Ex.26	-	0	0	1700	0	0	5.5	89	0.19	20
C.Ex.3	1%	10	30	4700	3300	0.95	6.0	82	0.36	36
C.Ex.4	1%	10	30	4000	2400	0.81	5.8	78	0.37	40
C.Ex.5	1%	10	30	3600	2200	0.82	5.9	79	0.39	36
C.Ex.6	1%	10	30	4400	3200	0.98	5.9	81	0.35	37
C.Ex.7	1%	10	30	4600	3300	0.97	5.6	81	0.37	42
C.Ex.8	1%	10	30	1400	320	0.31	5.6	83	0.31	32
C.Ex.9	1%	10	30	1200	240	0.27	5.7	84	0.32	34

<Table 3 Continued>

	Treating conditions					
	Reagent	Ratio	Time	Temp. °C	Moisture regain before treatment	Concen- tration of treating liquid
Ex.18	Aminoguanidine hydrogen carbonate	-	3 hr.	20	50%	2500 ppm
Ex.19	3-Amino-1,2,4-triazole	-	3 hr.	20	50%	2500 ppm
Ex.20	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	3/7	24 hr	20	50%	330 ppm
Ex.21	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	3/7	48 hr.	20	50%	330 ppm
Ex.22	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	0/10	48 hr.	20	50%	330 ppm
Ex.23	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	2/8	48 hr.	20	50%	330 ppm
Ex.24	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	3/7	24 hr.	20	50%	330 ppm
Ex.25	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	3/7	8 hr.	80	50%	330 ppm
Ex.26	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	3/7	24 hr.	20	50%	330 ppm
C.Ex.3	-	-	-	-	-	-
C.Ex.4	Aminoguanidine hydrogen carbonate	-	3 hr.	20	10%	2500 ppm
C.Ex.5	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	3/7	24 hr	20	10%	330 ppm
C.Ex.6	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	3/7	60 sec.	20	50%	330 ppm
C.Ex.7	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	3/7	60 sec.	20	50%	8%
C.Ex.8	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	10/0	48 hr.	20	50%	330 ppm
C.Ex.9	p-Phenylenediamine/ m-phenylenediamine	7/3	48 hr.	20	50%	330 ppm